have been received in the Survey Office for check in addition to the arrears left by the old staff. The normal staff of the Survey Office is not able to cope with this increased work. It is a physical impossibility to get the arrears as well as current sketches done by the above staff. If the checking of sketches is delayed, the disposal of the revenue cases will be greatly affected. The existing surveyors cannot attend to this work at all as they are required for the normal field work of the department, while the computor draftsmen's work is in the office. It was because even the existing surveyors were found to be insufficient for field work that a special staff had to be entertained for the same.

I hope that the House will now be convinced as to the absolute necessity for the entertainment of the additional staff asked for, and they will sanction the same.

PRESIDENT: May I know whether the House sanctions the demand.

The grant of Rs. 4,740 was made.

DEMAND III—EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 3,000 for the construction of six Excise preventive stations. Proposals have been received for the construction of new stations this year and I have now come to the Council for funds. Of the six stations which the department proposes to construct the first is Pallikadavu in the Arukutty division. A third class station is proposed to be constructed here for the purpose of guarding the Cochin frontier. The site selected is on the western side of the canal from Poothotta to Udayamperur. Closely touching the eastern side of the canal is Cochin territory. Steps have already been taken for acquiring 5 cents of land for the purpose.

The second is Mulakulam in the Piravam division. This is situated in the Mulakulam pakuthy, Vaikam taluk.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. Can manuscript speeches be read here?

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): I am not reading manuscript speeches. I am only reading the names of places for accurate information. The object of establishing a station in Mulakulam pakuthy is the prevention of tobacco smuggling. The site selected is near the pakuthy cutcherry and is of strategical importance. The site has already been acquired and an estimate for over Rs. 1,000 has also been sanctioned. Now the site has just been handed over to the department and the construction has to be taken up early.

Next is Puthukada station, Painkulam pakuthy, Vilavankod taluk, Trivandrum Division. This is intended for the use of the office of the Sub-Inspector and the party stationed at the place. Some years ago there was a Police out-post, and when that was abandoned, we took the opportunity of going to Government for getting permission to occupy it. Afterwards the Police Department wanted the building for their

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[Mr. P. Gomatinayakam Pillai].

use and on their application we had to surrender it to the Police Department. Government have already been addressed to acquire 15 cents of land for my department.

Another station is Ennathode station, Kottuvally pakuthy, Parur Range, Alwaye Division. A third class station is proposed to be constructed here with quarters for the use of the Petty officer and peons. The site proposed is at the mouth of the Cheenkanni thode and commands the water-way. Steps have already been taken for acquiring land for the purpose. An estimate for about Rs. 1,550 has been sanctioned. There are two more stations to be constructed one at Muttinakam which is situated in Parur and another at Varapuzha pakuthi. But they are not of urgent use now. The construction of the other stations is absolutely necessary for safe-guarding the revenue.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the member when the necessity for constructing such preventive stations arose?

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): It is not possible for the department to have a cut and dry rule for constructing Excise preventive stations. Proposals are being received from Assistant Excise Commissioners, and after our examination, those schemes are being sent to Government for sanction.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know when this construction of preventive stations was settled upon?

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): About two years ago and the matter has been under correspondence all the time. I may tell the member that the proposals were in several stages of progress. In regard to Mulakulam, funds are sanctioned. In respect of Cheenkanni thode steps have already been taken for acquiring lands for the purpose. So at this stage we cannot say when the necessity arose. We have to open another new preventive station in the Cochin frontier in Parur taluk. After all it is only a matter of Rs. 3,000 we have to incur towards the construction of preventive stations, and I would request the members of this House to sanction this amount.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Do you want any new staff?

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): No new staff is necessary.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyatinkara*): Could not buildings be obtained on rent?

MR. P. GOMATINAYAKAM PILLAI (*Excise Commissioner*): No.

PRESIDENT: May I take it that the House sanctions the demand? The grant was made.

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